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Dear Ms. Hesse:

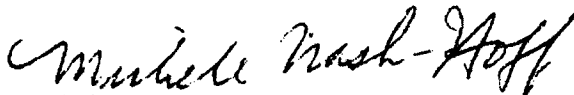
I understand that the courts have asked the public to direct their comments and concerns on the case of US v. Microsoft to you. I am writing this letter because I do not believe that we should continue to pursue this case. I felt compelled to write this letter after reading an article in the Orange County Register on January 18th.

The article outlined over \$1 million dollars in important local projects that will be cut this year due to a lack in funding. Because of fiscal mismanagement in our state a food truck will not get \$35,000; a shelter for abused women will not get \$150,000; Little League programs for the needy will go without funding; a crosswalk will not be built; a criminal tracking system will not be subsidized; a senior food bank will not get the money it needed -- the list goes on and on and on. And this is just in Orange County. Every county in the state will go through similar cuts.

This all goes back to the Microsoft case because our elected officials are making poor decisions. To choose to spend our money on issues like the Microsoft case rather than building crosswalks is special interest politics gone too far. Attorney General Lockyer will continue spending money going after Microsoft even though the state of California doesn't have the funds.

Now is the time to end the case against Microsoft and ensure that our government spends money on real issues. I urge the courts to approve of this settlement.

Sincerely,



Michele Nash-Hoff
President